

Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission

Wednesday, November 6th, 2019

6:00 p.m. Shimada Room

440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, Ca.

1. Call to Order
2. Reading and approval of minutes
3. Input on Agenda
4. Commissioner Reports
 - a. Commissioner's experiences at the Obi Matsuri Festival!
5. Important Business
 - Getting the word out for 2020 Richmond Ambassador Applications
 - How are things going with getting applications and posters out to schools?
 - Did we find a work-around for peach-tree distribution fees?
 - Update on Pen Pal Program
 - Accepted for 90 Students
 - Mrs. Hagiwara, former Shimada principal and current commissioner is working on making this happen with the Shimada school board
 - Currently waiting for a status update.
 - End of year celebration Hot Pot Dinner on December 21st.
 - Date: Sunday, December 21st
 - Miso Hotpot Dinner at Evan's house
 - Volunteers needed to help with ingredient prep, cutting vegetables etc.
 - This will also be a potluck, but side dishes can be small
 - Please no sweets.
 - Volunteer needed to draft the email invite and or phone invites
 - The current contact list can be found here:
 - <https://richmondfriendship.org/contactsheet.html>
 - You must first request access
 - Can we get an initial estimate of attendees?

- Possible Richmond and Shimada business connections.
 - Evan proposed a possible pilot program.
 - See if the cities can connect two pairs of businesses between the two cities.
 - Focus on finding two businesses that are very good matches.
 - Evan Mentioned
 - Brewery
 - Glassworks
 - Bakery
 - Shimada Commissioners Mentioned
 - Green Tea
 - Sake Brewery
 - Fireworks Factory
 - Shimada commission agreed to gather a list of interested businesses in Shimada.
- Upcoming presentation to the City Council (11/26)
 - November session may be canceled due to holidays
 - Reached out to Trina for confirmation
 - Goal of the presentation would be to make ourselves more visible to the city council
 - 10 min maximum length
 - Ambassador presentations?

6. Good of the Order/Adjournment